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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Patent Application of:

Takaaki HIRAI et al.

Application No.: 09/856,468

Filed: June 7, 2001



Confirmation No.: 6366

Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Victor S. Chang

For: PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE
AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED RESIN, AND IN
MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED
LAMINATE USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.111

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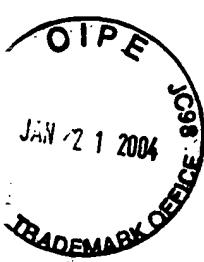
Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 18, 2003 (Paper No. 121503) and the final Office Action dated September 23, 2003 (Paper No. 915), finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Applicant(s): Takaaki Hirai et al.

PRE-EXPANDED PARTICLES OF CRYSTALLINE AROMATIC POLYESTER-BASED
Invention: RESIN, AND IN MOLD EXPANDED PRODUCT AND EXPANDED LAMINATE USING THE
SAME

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	18	- 20 =		x	0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =		x	0.00
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